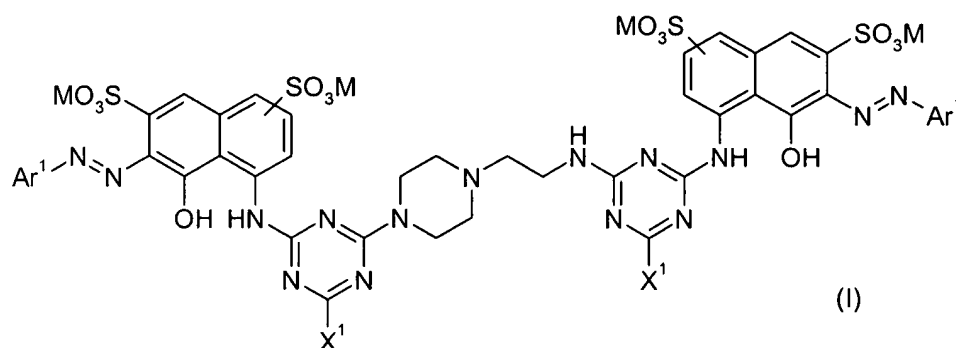
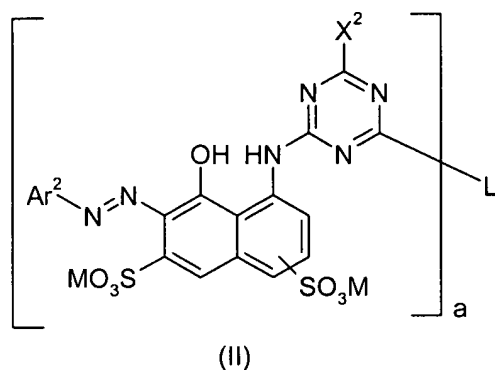


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) Mixture of fibre reactive dyes comprising one or more dyestuffs of the formula (I)



and one or more dyestuffs of the general formula (II)



where

$X^1$ ,  $X^2$  are independently a labile atom or group;

$Ar^1$  is an aromatic residue substituted by at least one  $-SO_3M$  group;

$M$  is hydrogen or alkali ~~metal~~ metal, ~~especially sodium~~;

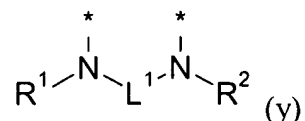
$Ar^2$  is an aromatic radical substituted with at least one  $-SO_3M$  group;

$a$  is 1 or 2

wherein,

if a is 2

L is a divalent radical typically of the form (y)



where

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl optionally substituted by -OR, -SR, -SO<sub>3</sub>M or X, or

a phenyl group optionally substituted by a sulfonic acid group, -OR, -C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>- alkyl, or NR'COR and

L<sup>1</sup> is arylene or alkylene optionally substituted by a sulfonic acid group, -OR, -C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl -COOR, ~~or -NR'COR~~ NR'COR or -COOR,

wherein R and R' are independently hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl and X is halogen

or

L is aminoethylpiperazine, under the proviso that if L is aminopiperazine, Ar<sup>1</sup> and Ar<sup>2</sup> are different or

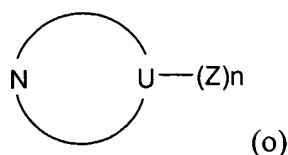
if a is 1

L is a monovalent radical -NR<sup>3</sup>R<sup>4</sup>, -SR<sup>3</sup> or -OR<sup>3</sup>

where

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> have one of the meanings of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> or for

--NR<sup>3</sup>R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> can form a cyclic structure of the form (o)



where

U is an C<sub>4</sub>- C<sub>6</sub> alkyl residue optionally substituted by a substituent of formula Z and optionally interrupted by heteroatoms or heteroatom-containing groups such

as  $\text{---O---}$ ,  $\text{---NR}^+$ ,  
 $\text{---NR}^-$ ,

n is 1, 2 or 3 and

Z is hydrogen, optionally substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, -OR<sup>5</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>5</sup>, -COR<sup>5</sup>

and

R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, optionally substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, optionally substituted vinyl, optionally substituted phenyl.

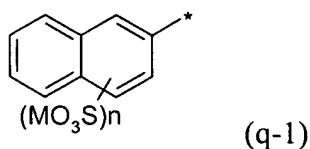
2. (Original) Dyestuff mixture according to claim 1

wherein

X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup> is independently chlorine, fluorine or 3 or 4-carboxypyridinium;

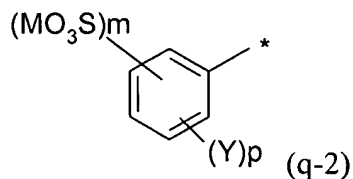
Ar<sup>1</sup> and Ar<sup>2</sup> is independently a naphthyl residue substituted by at least one sulfo group

(q-1)



where n is 1 to 3

or is a phenyl residue substituted by at least one sulfo group (q-2)



wherein

m is 1 or 2

p is 1 or 2 and

Y is independently hydrogen, halogen,  $R^5$ ,  $OR^5$ ,  $SR^5$ ,  $NHCOR^5$ ,

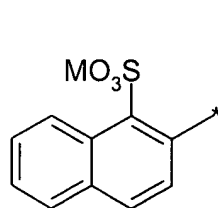
where  $R^5$  is as given in claim 1.

3. (Original) Dyestuff mixture according to claim 1

wherein

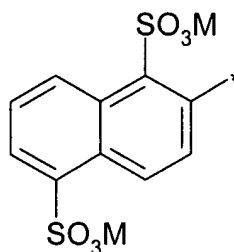
$X^1$  and  $X^2$  is chlorine;

$Ar^1$  and  $Ar^2$  are independently a naphthyl residue of the formula (q-11) or (q-12)



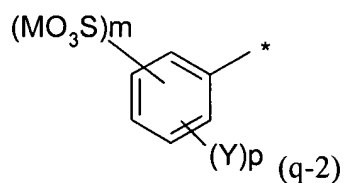
(q-11)

or



(q-12)

or are a phenyl residue substituted by at least one sulfo group (q-2)



wherein

m is 1 or 2

p is 1 or 2 and

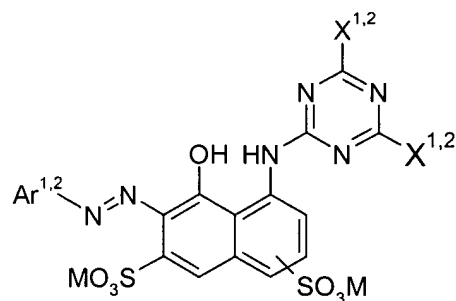
Y is methyl.

4. (Original) Dyestuff mixture according to claim 1 wherein a is 1 and L is morpholine.

5. (Currently amended) A dye mixture according to ~~at least one of the claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 wherein a dye of formula (I) is present in the mixture in an amount of from 1% by weight to 99% by weight and a dye of the formula (II) is present in the mixture in an amount of from 99% by weight to 1% by weight.

6. (Currently amended) A dye mixture according to ~~at least one of the claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 wherein a dye of formula (I) is present in the mixture in an amount of from 10% by weight to 90% by weight and a dye of the formula (II) is present in the mixture in an amount of from 90% by weight to 10% by weight.

7. (Currently amended) A process for preparing a dye mixture as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, which comprises reacting chromophores of formula (III)



(III)

wherein Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>, X<sup>1</sup>, X<sup>2</sup> and M are as defined in claim 1 with ~~an appropriate mixture~~ a mixture of 2-aminoethylpiperazine and a diamine H-L-H, or amine H-L, wherein L is as defined above, followed by precipitation using methylated spirits and ~~conventional~~ filtration.

8. (Currently amended) A process for dyeing hydroxy- and/or carboxamido – containing fiber ~~material, material which comprises applying in which~~ dyestuffs or dyestuff mixtures ~~are applied~~ to the material and the dyes of claim 1 are fixed to the material by means of (1) heat, heat or (2) with ~~with~~ the aid of an alkali or (3) by means ~~by means~~ of heat and with the aid of an alkali, ~~which comprises dye mixtures or dyestuffs as claimed in one or more of the claims 1 to 5.~~

9. (New) A dye mixture according to claim 1, wherein

M is sodium;

U is an C<sub>4</sub>- C<sub>6</sub> alkyl residue optionally substituted by a substituent of formula Z and optionally interrupted by heteroatoms or heteroatom-containing group containing –O- or -NR<sup>1</sup>.

10. (New) A dye mixture according to claim 4 wherein the dye of formula (I) is present in the mixture in an amount of from 10% by weight to 90% by weight and the dye of the formula (II) is present in the mixture in an amount of from 90% by weight to 10% by weight.